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Early morning fire causes \$100,000 loss in Science

by Barbara Nagy

A four-alarm fire caused about \$100,000 damage to the Cheray Science Building early Wednesday morning, according to St. Michael's College Physical Plant Manager Donald Larson. It also raised questions about the safety of the structure.

The blaze, which began in the field biology laboratory in the southeast corner of the building's third floor, was discovered about 3:55 a.m. by a college security guard. The fire spread to a greenhouse adjacent to the lab and gutted both rooms.

Several students in Founders Hall and the Founders Annex were awakened by the fire siren on top of Founders. Bob Heroux, a resident of the building, said he saw the fire and got outside about 4 a.m. "All we could see were huge flames jumping through the room . . . There wasn't any smoke at first," he said. But eventually all three floors of the building became cloudy.

The Essex Junction, Essex Town, Colchester and St. Michael's College fire departments responded to the call, along with St. Michael's rescue squad.

Michael Chmielewski, a Colchester Fire Department captain and 1972 St. Michael's

graduate, was cut by glass from the broken window, but otherwise no one was injured.

Sutton said the blaze started some time after 1:30 a.m. when the building was checked and locked by a security guard. But he speculated that it had been burning for "quite some time" before being discovered. The fire was under control about 20 minutes after the departments arrived, he said.

When the blaze was extinguished firefighters used fans to force the smoke from the building. Sutton said there was no damage to the first and second floors or to the roof eaves except for a small area above the greenhouse window.

In the field biology lab, the tops of a few lab tables were buckled from sudden cooling when water from the hoses hit them. The wooden base and legs of some tables were also badly charred. Soot and tiles from the ceiling were littered around the room.

A row of burned-out pots that had once held plants stood in the greenhouse window and huge blisters of paint spotted the walls. The green tiled walls of the hall were streaked with soot, as were the walls of one of the other labs on the third floor.

St. Michael's College Academic Dean and former chemis-

try professor Ronald H. Provost said, "We were lucky. We only lost the greenhouse and use of the lab." Not much equipment had been stored in the room.

Beside the furniture and plants, Daniel Bean, chairman of the biology department said several stereoscopic microscopes, each valued at about \$350, may have been hopelessly damaged by the heat and smoke. An environmental growth chamber used for controlling light, temperature and humidity in biology experiments was also lost. Its replacement value is about \$5,000.

In addition, field biology students lost plant specimens it had taken them four weeks to collect. Part of Aiken Mall was also damaged, reportedly by a fire truck.

Larson said the college is covered by a \$1,000 deductible insurance policy. When asked about the coverage, he said, "We'll be all right."

Sutton said the fire started in a piece of equipment used to dry and press the specimens. A student enrolled in last year's field biology class described the dryer as looking something like a bathtub with about 12 lightbulbs screwed into the bottom.

Students were instructed to

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photo by Rob Swanson

Area firefighters battle a blaze that damaged the field biology laboratory and greenhouse on the third floor of the Cheray Science Building. The fire was in the room with the large window on the right.

inside:

- Grade inflation seems to have hit St. Michael's, as shown by a statistical report released by the registrar last week. Story on page two.
- The tennis squad wins again and ups their record to three wins, one loss. Story on page seven.
- The soccer team is trying hard this year, but another loss was added to its record this week. Story on page six.
- Intramurals are well into action. Story on page six.

Weekend Weather

Sunny skies Friday could give way to clouds and some rain late in the day. Highs in the mid 70's.

Rain will end on Sat. and the sun will return for the rest of the weekend. High's for Saturday and Sunday will be in the upper 60's.



photo by Rob Swanson

Members of St. Michael's Fire Department survey the mess created by the fire. Damage to the building and its contents is estimated at \$100,000, but the first and second floors of the structure were not affected by the blaze.

64% of last year's grades were B's or better

In both the spring and fall semesters last year, nearly 40 percent of the grades given in all courses were B's, according to a list of grades from the registrar's office. About 24 percent of all grades listed were A's.

Although the overall grade point average was close to the national average of 2.7 for fall 1977, there were some exceptions. Students in the departments of education and fine arts both received average grades well-over a B. In the spring semester, over half of the 513 grades given by the fine arts department were A's, while of the 153 grades given by the education department there were no D's or F's.

Dr. Alan Stockton, education department chairman, admitted that the grades were "high", but noted that "a student needs a 3.0 average for teacher certification." Stockton also noted that eight

students received 12 credits each for student teaching, and all received A's.

Stockton said he believes that this year's figures were not unusually high. "I was told that two years ago it was unusual for any student taking a course in this department to receive a C," he said. "This pattern is one we've seen in the past," said Dr. Ronald Provost, academic dean. "I think that certain departments give higher grades than others."

Provost said that he did not contemplate "twisting any arms" to remedy the situation since in his estimation, individual department heads were best suited to handle the situation. "I think that these grades reflect individual professors and departments," he said.

According to David LaMarche, assistant to St. Michael's President Edward L. Henry, there are "close to 100 personalities built into this

survey. I am not going to comment on another professor's personal grading technique," he said, "because I wouldn't want him commenting on mine."

The student opinion differs. One political science senior noted, "there is always a problem in using statistics to bundle over 1,500 students together. If and when I earn an A for a grade, I don't consider it an indication of grade inflation, but rather my personal dedication to the course material." The student also

stressed that "many faculty, primarily in the sociology department, who have formulated theories on so-called "grade inflation," never seem to consider the possibility of "intellect inflation."

Another student noted, "there were several classes I have taken here in which I did little work and still received a high grade." This could explain the whole phenomenon of certain courses filling up after minutes, while others dealing with the same subject, never reach their capacity, she add-

ed.

The journalism department was in the bottom-third of all departments grade-wise, according to Dr. Alex Nagy, chairman of that department. "The industry demands that we be strict with journalism students because we can't send them out if they're not qualified," Nagy said. He said that the overall grades in the department vary from year to year, depending on the students in the program.

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE GRADE DISTRIBUTION Fall 1978

| Department | No. Graded | % A | % B | % C | % D | % F | GPA |
|-------------------|------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Education | 121 | 45.5 | 43.0 | 9.9 | 1.7 | | 3.32 |
| Fine Arts | 477 | 40.5 | 43.8 | 13.6 | 1.9 | 0.2 | 3.22 |
| Air Science | 90 | 21.1 | 62.2 | 16.7 | | | 3.04 |
| Modern Language | 456 | 27.2 | 44.7 | 23.5 | 4.4 | 0.2 | 2.94 |
| Humanities | 385 | 13.0 | 60.8 | 23.6 | 2.3 | 0.3 | 2.84 |
| Physics | 220 | 19.1 | 45.0 | 26.8 | 5.9 | 3.2 | 2.71 |
| English | 605 | 16.7 | 42.3 | 36.7 | 3.8 | 0.5 | 2.71 |
| Business | 1386 | 22.3 | 39.0 | 25.8 | 8.4 | 4.5 | 2.66 |
| Classics | 80 | 17.5 | 47.5 | 18.7 | 11.3 | 5.0 | 2.61 |
| History & Am. St. | 235 | 17.9 | 35.3 | 38.3 | 6.4 | 2.1 | 2.60 |
| Religious Studies | 508 | 16.3 | 41.5 | 29.9 | 8.1 | 4.1 | 2.58 |
| Biology | 390 | 19.7 | 33.6 | 33.1 | 9.0 | 4.6 | 2.55 |
| Political Science | 353 | 11.3 | 42.5 | 35.4 | 9.1 | 1.7 | 2.53 |
| Economics | 341 | 16.7 | 35.5 | 33.1 | 13.5 | 1.2 | 2.53 |
| Psychology | 256 | 16.8 | 33.6 | 34.4 | 12.9 | 2.3 | 2.50 |
| Philosophy | 621 | 14.0 | 37.7 | 30.1 | 13.0 | 5.2 | 2.42 |
| Sociology | 326 | 10.7 | 29.4 | 46.9 | 9.5 | 3.4 | 2.35 |
| Mathematics | 172 | 20.3 | 26.2 | 32.6 | 8.7 | 12.2 | 2.34 |
| Chemistry | 281 | 16.4 | 23.8 | 39.9 | 13.2 | 6.8 | 2.30 |
| Journalism | 204 | 9.8 | 23.5 | 47.5 | 13.7 | 5.4 | 2.19 |
| St. Michael's | 7507 | 19.6 | 39.4 | 29.9 | 7.9 | 3.1 | 2.64 |

Spring 1979

| Department | No. Graded | % A | % B | % C | % D | % F | GPA |
|-------------------|------------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|
| Fine Arts | 513 | 52.6 | 36.1 | 9.2 | 1.6 | 0.6 | 3.39 |
| Education | 153 | 41.2 | 47.1 | 11.8 | | | 3.29 |
| Air Science | 78 | 17.9 | 55.1 | 25.6 | 1.3 | | 2.90 |
| Classics | 46 | 21.7 | 47.8 | 28.3 | 2.2 | | 2.89 |
| Humanities | 386 | 18.9 | 54.9 | 21.5 | 3.1 | 1.6 | 2.87 |
| Chemistry | 311 | 24.1 | 44.7 | 22.2 | 7.7 | 1.3 | 2.83 |
| Mod. Language | 464 | 25.8 | 38.7 | 27.4 | 6.9 | 1.1 | 2.81 |
| Biology | 264 | 20.1 | 41.7 | 29.2 | 8.3 | 0.8 | 2.72 |
| History & Am. St. | 311 | 21.5 | 35.7 | 36.3 | 4.8 | 1.6 | 2.71 |
| English | 612 | 18.3 | 40.8 | 34.0 | 5.1 | 1.8 | 2.69 |
| Business | 1309 | 24.4 | 35.6 | 28.3 | 8.3 | 3.4 | 2.69 |
| Religious Studies | 507 | 18.7 | 38.5 | 31.2 | 10.3 | 1.4 | 2.63 |
| Philosophy | 581 | 22.7 | 36.1 | 26.7 | 10.7 | 3.8 | 2.63 |
| Political Science | 400 | 12.3 | 44.0 | 37.2 | 4.8 | 1.8 | 2.60 |
| Economics | 415 | 16.4 | 39.8 | 33.5 | 6.7 | 3.6 | 2.59 |
| Sociology | 310 | 17.7 | 35.8 | 32.6 | 12.6 | 1.3 | 2.56 |
| Physics | 237 | 18.1 | 35.0 | 32.5 | 12.7 | 1.7 | 2.55 |
| Psychology | 280 | 16.4 | 33.6 | 33.6 | 13.2 | 3.2 | 2.47 |
| Mathematics | 142 | 23.2 | 26.1 | 28.9 | 15.5 | 6.3 | 2.44 |
| Journalism | 234 | 9.4 | 24.4 | 45.7 | 14.5 | 6.0 | 2.17 |
| St. Michael's | 7553 | 22.8 | 38.6 | 28.7 | 7.6 | 2.3 | 2.72 |



photo by Rob Swanson

St. Michael's College sophomore Greg Kaknes marches onto the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant grounds during the civil disobedience action there Sunday. Kaknes was subsequently arrested, along with 166 others while attempting to block the plant's main gate during a protest organized by the Vermont Yankee Decommissioning Alliance.

One observer said Kaknes gave his name as "Earth" when state police officers tried to identify him.

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Opinions

Easy A?

Last week the St. Michael's College registrar released statistics showing how many A's, B's, C's, D's and F's were given by each of the college's academic departments. Surprisingly, or perhaps not surprisingly, the bulk of some departments' grades were A's and B's, even though C (in theory) should be the grade most frequently given, since it means "average" according to grade reports sent to students by the registrar.

Coincidentally, the 1979 Hilltop was released the same week. At least one astute observer has noticed that most of the photos in the book (except in the sports section) show students either partying or simply standing around. At the end of the book 1979 Hilltop Editor Frank Furfaro explained that it was his goal "to tell the story of 1978-79 exactly as it was."

While many people were quick to criticize Furfaro for parts of his efforts, few people commented on the tables released by the registrar, perhaps because their existence was not widely known. But Furfaro's photos did present St. Michael's as it is. Coupled with last week's statistics, this points to a fundamental problem.

St. Michael's has long had a reputation as a "party school" — a place where students can have a good time and do relatively well in their academic endeavors at the same time. The next decade, when admissions are expected to fall on a national scale, will be especially crucial in determining the future of St. Michael's.

For the college to survive the pressures of the '80s it must tighten its standards and orient itself to provide more serious academic training. Those who are looking for a place to spend four fun-filled years, drinking while taking five "gut" courses, must be encouraged to vacation elsewhere. St. Michael's can no longer afford to admit such intellectual Falstaffs.

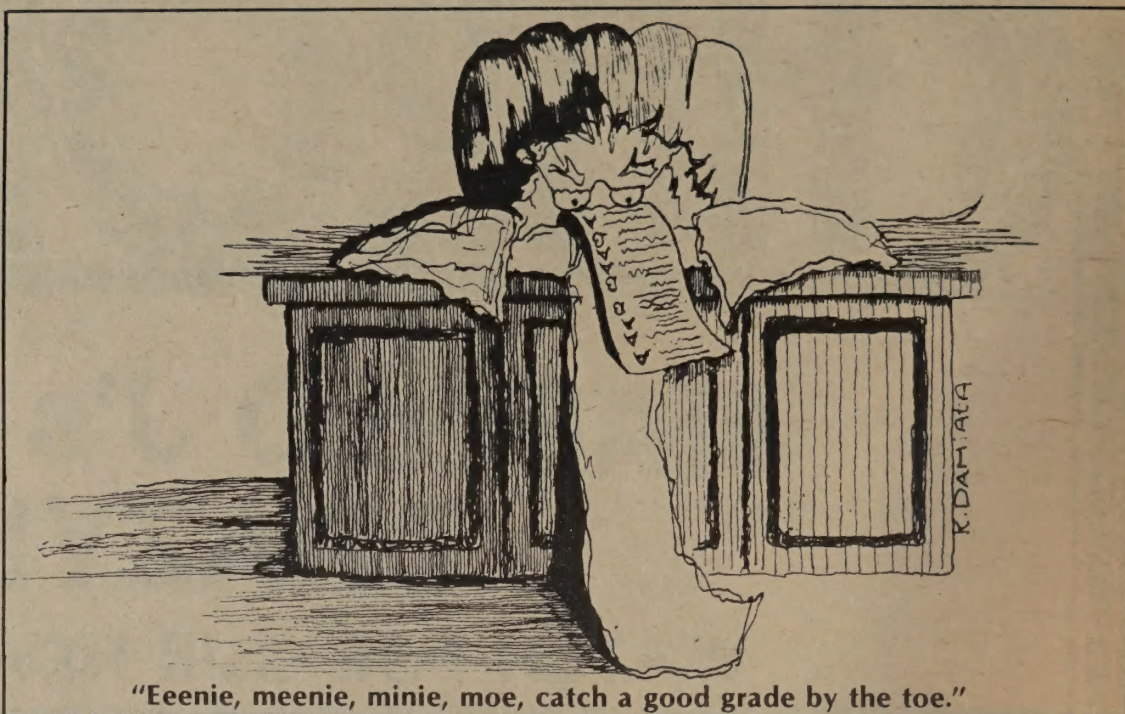
Some professors argue that they must give high grades so that their students can find jobs when they graduate. One must wonder how they are expected to find responsible positions with a worthless diploma.

These generous professors must be taught that a student does not deserve a good grade merely by virtue of his or her enrollment in a particular course. Professors should not consider it their responsibility to ensure a job for all of their students. They have no right to take it upon themselves to make an unqualified person appear qualified.

Whether grades given by St. Michael's appear to be average when compared to other colleges is irrelevant. The college should concern itself with improving its own academic standards regardless of national trends.

Some positive steps would be to identify and eliminate some "gut" courses, tighten the requirements for some concentrations, and raise the grade point average necessary for graduation. If St. Michael's does not take these preventive steps now, it increases its chances of eventual phase-out. One need only recall the fate of Windham College to become aware that such an event should never be entirely discounted.

— B.N.



Letters to the editor

1979 Hilltop

To the editor:

Last week, the 1978-79 Hilltop was distributed to the majority of students. I think an apology is in order for the students who put a large amount of work into the yearbook (if it can be called that), much of whose work was changed or poorly represented.

More importantly, an apology is in order to those whose characters were defamed by the biased copy. A yearbook is supposed to be a representation of a school's student body, activities, and administration, and not an editorial of one person's attitudes towards the above.

The 1978-79 Hilltop poorly covered some of the important events. (Homecoming wasn't all outdoors. Parents' Weekend consists of a little more than students and their parents... events, etc. If the coordinators of the Women and Society symposium did such a fine job, why wasn't there a picture of them?) The pictures were very repetitious, and were a gross inadequacy of the SMC community.

I feel badly for the 1979-80 staff, who must produce a yearbook, especially in the jubilee year, amidst the remains of a poor excuse of a yearbook. Good luck to this year's staff.

Sincerely yours,
Mary Rose McCaffrey

Alcoholism at SMC

To the editor:

This weekend, Sept. 16, I spent several early morning hours caring for a few of the many casualties of a campus party. I'd like to share with you some of the thoughts that passed through my mind during that time.

First, I said a quick prayer of thanks. But for the grace of God and the good judgement of a few people we could once again be a community in mourning.

But my main concern was this: how many more victims are we going to have before we

change some of our attitudes and behaviors on this campus toward the abusive use of alcohol? It's hard to believe that anesthetizing oneself, giving up the ability to make rational decisions or control one's own behavior is the goal of any one of you. And yet it happens so often.

And it's hard to believe the community continues to endure the status quo. Anyone who's had to clean up a buddy's vomit, or excrement, or had to listen to a friend babble on and on and on — and on, or tried to extricate him or her from trouble must know what I mean. The truth of the matter is there's nothing pleasant or humorous or fun about drunkenness — either for the individual or the community. And yet we promote it so often. (Who has the next birthday on your floor?)

When we reach the point on this campus where good times and good company are the goal of all our social functions and the quantity of booze consumed is not, we will have come a long way. When we are able to confront our friends who abuse alcohol and express our concern about their drinking behavior we will have come a long way. When we are able to examine our own drinking patterns and behavior and make some thoughtful decisions about them we will have come a long way.

I'm not moralizing or sermonizing (though I can do that too). I say this to you because I care about you. You're precious, bright, beautiful kids with a wonderful zest for life. I want all that's good for you. Please want it for yourselves and each other.

With much love for each of you,

Mrs. Campbell
Health Services

John Caswell

To the college community:

Our deepest gratitude to all who helped sustain us at the loss of our son John. Your presence, prayers, flowers, words, Mass cards, and heartfelt notes were, and will continue to be a beau-

tiful tribute.

Our prayers and thoughts are with you. May your school year bring each of you closer to the attainment of your goals and closer to the Creator, who is the ultimate goal.

With deepest love,
The Caswell Family

Campus pollution

To the editor:

Now that I am here at St. Michael's I can justly say that I made the correct decision in coming here. However, this is not to say that I have reservations about some seemingly minute, but rather important facets in the running of this college.

Actually, I am writing about two problems that concern and sometimes disgust me. I am referring to the pollution of the St. Michael's College campus.

Since I've been here, about one week, there has been trash strewn in several areas of the campus. The situation just described is not the fault of students. This problem is not caused by students' failure to throw trash in garbage cans, but is caused by the college's inability to have the cans emptied frequently enough so that they would not overflow.

Secondly, I would like to address a problem of greater severity. I am referring to the college's policy on what is burnt in its incinerators. On several occasions, I have walked out of my dorm in the morning ready to breathe some clean Vermont air, only to be greeted by sickening odors, black smoke, and floating ashes, from burnt paper and whatever else the college burns in its incinerators.

I am unfamiliar with Vermont laws, but regardless of the policy of the state, I believe it should be the policy of the college to prohibit the burning of such substances in its incinerators. This will insure the health of all, while setting a precedent for others to follow.

Thanks,
Bob Brown '83

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Mimes use humor, social commentary

by Joan Dickinson

The first event of this year's lecture series, "The Quiet Riot," was performed at Herrouet theatre on Monday, September 17. Kevin O'Connor and Bill Mettler entertained a small audience with their well-executed mime and verbal improvisations. Included were humorous stories and social commentary sketches.

Masked in white, dressed in black, and full of energy, the performance began with the

mimes arbitrarily handing out carnations to spectators. O'Connor and Mettler, using no props, created different situations such as, a woman who takes extraordinary precautions when using a pay toilet, a very small truck driver being raged upon by 14 Hell's Angels, an enactment of the "seven deadly sins," and an emotional scene of a Hiroshima citizen after the bombing.

The pay toilet skit received tremendous bouts of laughter from the audience, especially

when the "woman" decided it was clean enough for use. The 14 Hell's Angels got their due when the truck driver ran over their bikes. This particular skit was made comical by the mime's creative sound effects. Most impressive was a scene called "Hiroshima: A Victim's Dream." Accompanied by David Mettler on lights and audiovisual, the scene depicted the physical and mental torture of radiation contamination. It was emotionally stirring.

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place their plants between two blotter sheets and then place the sheets between two pieces of newsprint. The newsprint was then bound between two pieces of cardboard and the package was laid across the edges of the "tub" so that heat from the bulbs could press and dry them.

The student said people in the class had been instructed not to let a large portion of the newspaper extend beyond the cardboard to make sure that it would not be ignited by the bulbs.

In spite of these instructions, the cardboard, newspaper and bindings occasionally were singed by the bulbs, she went on.

Sutton said too many presses had been piled on the dryer, causing the heat in the "tub" to build up and ignite some of the newsprint. Field biology students said the dryers weren't normally left on overnight, and that the security officer locking the building sometimes had to turn it off because students had forgotten to.

One student said so many presses could have been piled on the dryer that the officer who checked the building Tuesday night would not have seen any of the light the bulbs would have radiated. If the officer had looked into the room he might have assumed the dryer was shut off. Thus, the

fire was not caused by a malfunction of equipment but by misuse of it.

The fire has also raised questions about the safety of the 30-year-old building, since it has no smoke detectors and the fire alarm system is broken. In spite of assurances from one administrator that fire safety checks are made on a "daily basis," Provost said the system has not worked for at least 20 years. There is concern that if the building were full of people there would be no efficient way of warning them about a fire.

Another safety problem is that the building has no outdoor fire escape and does not have to have one according to local fire codes. It does have two stairwells, but both are on the north end of the structure. A sizeable fire in the hall would trap anyone in the labs on the south end of the building.

College administrators said they would look into the possibility of installing alarms that would ring outside the building so that if the structure were empty, people could be informed of a fire.

Another problem with the building is that the gas, power and water lines are imbedded in the concrete floor, making them difficult to reach for tests and examinations, Provost said. He would prefer that they be located overhead. He also wants the various chemi-

cals in the building to be collected and stored in one location so that firefighters could know exactly where they were when they enter the building.

Ironically, one of the projects for the jubilee year had been to remodel the greenhouse and renovate other parts of Science Hall. Reconstruction of the field biology lab has already begun, and the room could be back in use within a month if the furniture arrives on time, Larson said. In the meantime, college officials said they would begin to examine the safety problems the building poses.



Actor Michael Tolaydo stresses a point during a conversation after his performance of "St. Mark's Gospel," a play about Jesus' life based on Mark's gospel.

Calendar

Catalog and Reference Collection," Pope John XXIII room, Durick Library.

Wednesday, Oct. 3

7:30-8:30 p.m. Slide presentation and discussion, "Basic Techniques of Research by Function," Pope John XXIII room, Durick Library.

Thursday, Oct. 4

7:30 p.m. Meeting of the Linnehan Philosophical Society in Jemery 47.

8 p.m. *Who's Running the Bases for you Now, Billy?*

8:30 p.m. Coffe House Alliot Lounge.

7:30-8:30 p.m. Slide presentation and discussion, "Various Research Techniques in Research Projects," Pope John XXIII room, Durick Library.

Friday, Oct. 5

10 a.m. American Institute of Foreign Study representative on campus, Alliot Lounge.

1-5:15 p.m. Symposium, "The Citizen Soldier in Today's World"

SPORTS

Saturday, Sept. 29

10:30 a.m. Tennis (men's) — Albany State Tournament (away)

1:30 p.m. Track — SMC vs. Clarkson (away)

Tuesday, Oct. 2

4 p.m. Field Hockey — SMC vs. Vermont (away)

7 p.m. Soccer — SMC vs. Hawthorne (away)

Wednesday, Oct. 3

1 p.m. Golf — SMC vs. Middlebury (away)

Thursday, Oct. 4

3 p.m. Tennis (men's) — SMC vs. Vermont (away)

Thursday, Oct. 5

E.C.A.C. Golf Tournament (away)

Announcements

Students interested in applying for a Rhodes Scholarship may obtain copies of the Memorandum of Regulations (which includes an application) and further information about application procedures and programs of study at the University of Oxford from, Dr. Nick Clary in Bergeron 108, ext. 2390.

There will be a meeting of the Linnehan Philosophical Society at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday in Jemery 47. The topic of discussion is entitled, "Is there a Difference Between Philosophical and Religious Doubt?" It will be lead by Dr. Terrence W. Tilley of the religious studies department.

Induction into the Phi Sigma Tau Society will take place at 7 p.m.

A total of \$15,000 is available to composers in the 28th annual student composers competition sponsored by Broadcast Music, Inc. Prizes ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 will be awarded. Competition closes Feb. 15, 1980. Official rules and entry blanks are available from: James G. Roy, Jr., Director of BMI Awards to Student Composers, Broadcast Music, Inc., 320 West 57th St., New York, NY 10019.

The writing clinic (Jemery 217B) is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The graduate school of Babson College will conduct interviews all day Wednesday, pertaining to its masters of business administration program. Information and sign up sheets for interviews are at the Student Resource Center.

Mass to begin diamond jubilee year

A Mass opening the diamond jubilee of St. Michael's College will be celebrated Saturday in the Chapel of St. Michael the Archangel, at 4 p.m.

Cocolebrants of the Mass will be the very Rev. Edward A. Leary, superior general of the Society of St. Edmund, and the Fathers of St. Edmund. The

homily will be given by the Rev. Francis E. Moriarty, the ninth and twelfth president of St. Michael's.

Dr. Edward L. Henry, college president, will give the welcome.

A reception will follow on the chapel grounds. In case of bad weather, the reception will be in the Ross Sports Center.

Anyone who has not picked up a copy of the Michaelman freshman picture issue may get one in Alliot 210.

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Details concerning application procedures, duties, and qualifications are available in the Michaelman office, Alliot 210. Deadline for submitting applications is Wednesday, October 3.



Sports

St. Michael's soccer team tries to overcome past

by Ed Connolly

After a couple of disappointing seasons, the St. Michael's College soccer team is working hard and yet still coming up with nothing to show for their toil and sweat. It has been an uphill battle the past few years and now with a terrifically talented team the scoring touch is all that's missing.

A banner recruiting year has yielded ten potentially powerful freshmen into the Knights' soccer program which, along with several key returning players, provides the Knights' with the opportunity to improve upon past seasons.

St. Michael's Coach Bill Willey, commented that inexperience is expected to be a problem facing this young team. "I'm very happy with the players coming back this season and the group of quality freshmen we have is just what our program needed."

St. Michael's dropped a 2-1 decision to Plattsburgh State College in their season opener a couple weeks ago. Center-forward Steve Barsalou and goalie Tim Fourtier were two freshmen who wasted little time in making their presence felt in the opener. Barsalou drove home a shot at the 28 minute mark of the first half, with junior Gavin Keefe getting credited with the assist as the Knights jumped to a 1-0 lead. Plattsburgh raced back

in the second half to grab the victory, with the game winner coming on a disputed penalty kick.

Fourtier, a New Hampshire high school all-star, lived up to his preseason billing making five saves. "Tim had an excellent game," Willey said. "He made stops that good goal keepers have to make to keep their team in the game."

St. Michael's next game was against Keene State, a former top New England team to whom the Knights bowed in a 1-0 loss. The large turnout at this game certainly helped St. Michael's restrain Keene State from doing further damage.

The following game was against Castleton State Col-

lege which ended in a 1-1 tie in overtime. In spite of the cold it was a good game with Barsalou scoring for the Knights.

This past Saturday saw St. Michael's drop their second overtime game to St. Anselms by a score of, 2-1. Barsalou assisted Keith Heingartner as he drove through the defense to score the Knight's lone goal. St. Michael's held St. Anselms and controlled most of the game until the last few minutes of the second overtime period.

In these games the defense made up of fullbacks Steve McCullough, Tom Newman and Mike Blankinship have played consistently good soccer. The defense has held op-

ponents to only 54 shots in four games. While the offensive line of Keith Heingartner, John Benkovich, Clay Neidlinger, T.C. Myer and Steve Barsalou has taken 65 shots at opposing goals. In the midfield are strong halfbacks such as Joe Labrecque, Gavin Keefe, Steve Cronin, Brian French and Bob Manning.

"A show of student support would help the team tremendously and they might be surprised at what they see out there," said Willey. "We are tied together by a common bondage of hope." Let's hope they get the break they deserve.

Women's field hockey experiences setbacks

by Judy Valente

The St. Michael's field hockey team experienced two tough setbacks while opening their 1979 season against interstate opponents last weekend. The women's team dropped a 3-0 decision to Norwich Friday afternoon and continued the skid Saturday morning losing 3-1 to Middlebury's 'B' squad.

In the well-attended opener, St. Michael's was overtaken by an awesome display of offensive power by Norwich. A defensive lapse at 18:30 into the first half produced the only tally the visitors would need.

In the second half, play moved out of the Knight's goal toward mid-field, but the St. Michael's offense failed to produce any substantial drives.

St. Michael's offense came

alive in Saturday's encounter with Middlebury College. Middlebury broke the scoreless deadlock with a goal 18 minutes into the half and added another with less than a minute remaining.

Middlebury ended their scoring for the match with a controversial goal four minutes into the second half.

The call ignited St. Michael's as seconds later Kathy O'Neil slapped in a score only to have it called back due to an infraction. O'Neil repeated her feat three minutes later, on a pass assist from Gail Sullivan. Play went back and forth for the remainder of the game with neither team giving up or in.

The women's team hopes for success today when they host Johnson State at 3 p.m.



St. Michael's Ann McGranahan tries to steal the ball from an opposing Norwich player. The Cadets won Friday's opener, 3-0.

photo by Rob Swanson

Fall intramurals in full swing

There were several flag football matches in the last week. In one match, Dave Coppola scored two touchdowns, Jim Hilker scored one, and Dave Canavan scored three, to lead OCI to a 52-0 romp over Zeta. Elsewhere, it was Molson over AD, 28-6; Sigma stunned Omega, 18-0; NU blanked GE, 14-0; and Sigma and Molson played to an 8-8 tie. Andy Volland scored for Omega to pace them over AD, 6-2. Frank Mensinger forced the safety giving AD the two points.

In women's football, Muchii beat Omicron, 7-0, but then fell to Annex-St. Edmund's as

Linda Ruel scored for a 6-2 victory.

In intramural soccer, Ken Ruotolo scored twice and John Powers scored once to carry Zeta past NU, 3-1. In other games, it was Sigma over AD, 3-1, and Botafogo edging Vegetrons, 1-0. Women's soccer saw Kappa crush Theta, 6-2.

The results of the two mile cross-country race of September 13 showed the top three finishers:

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
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Club football falls, 27-6

by Mark Kendall

The lack of team punch and the failure to capitalize in key situations led once again to the downfall of the St. Michael's club football team. This time they fell to Worcester State by a final tally of 27-6. The loss, coupled with the 10-6 loss at Stonehill the previous week, left the Purple Knight's with a 0-2 seasonal mark.

The nightmare began early with Worcester State receiving the ball first. They moved the ball with relative ease steadily down the field on to paydirt and a quick 6-0 advantage. St. Michael's Frank Zilka broke up the two-point conversion attempt.

The Knights' first possession was disastrous with the only bright spot occurring when quarterback Jeff Jones' interception that would have resulted in another Worcester score was nullified by a holding penalty. The opponents scored again on their next drive, this time on a 20 yard pass from quarterback Pete Barton to tight end Jim

Murphy. Once again the extra point conversion failed and Worcester now led 12-0.

It was the fine passing of Barton that helped key the Worcester victory. Despite fine coverage at times by the St. Michael's defensive secondary, he simply threaded needles with the football and moved the team at will.

Worcester was to score once again before the half ended, resulting in a 19-0 halftime lead.

The second half was little different from the first with the exception of a stronger Knight defense which was to be showcased during the half with a pair of goal line stands.

The large St. Michael's crowd finally had something to cheer about when senior defenseman Jim Kenny recovered a Worcester fumble and ran it back 60 yards for a touchdown. However, even that was in vain as the ball was ruled dead at the point of recovery upfield. The opponents scored twice more, once on a touchdown and once on a safety, making the score 27-0,

Worcester State.

St. Michael's proved that it was not to be denied a score as Jones connected with sophomore Scott Hinding for a 30-yard touchdown pass late in the fourth quarter to make the final 27-6. The touchdown for Hinding was his second of the year and only the team's second.

First year mentor, Brad Eustice, did find a few rays of hope in the fine play of defensive tackle Jay Belt, tight end Rob Zeller, as well as the steady play of Jones and Hinding. Paul Brien and John Dowd also stood out on defense. However, the weakness of the offensive line and the lack of consistency by the defensive line both continued to act as major obstacles in the difference between winning and losing for St. Michael's.

The Knight's will continue to seek their first win as they travel to Hartford College for a Saturday contest before returning home to face Lowell University next week.



photo by John Puleio

St. Michael's Keith "Heiney" Heingartner fends off two opposing Castleton players in ball pursuit. The two teams struggled to a 1-1 deadlock last week.

Tennis squads win

by Fran MacDonnell

The Saint Michael's men's tennis team upped its record to 3-1 with two impressive victories over Norwich University and New Hampshire College.

In a September 13th home contest, the purple and gold juggernaut pulverized a hapless Norwich squad 9-0, winning every match in straight sets. The Knights then journeyed to New Hampshire College where they drubbed their opponents 7-2.

Coach Nick Clary feels his

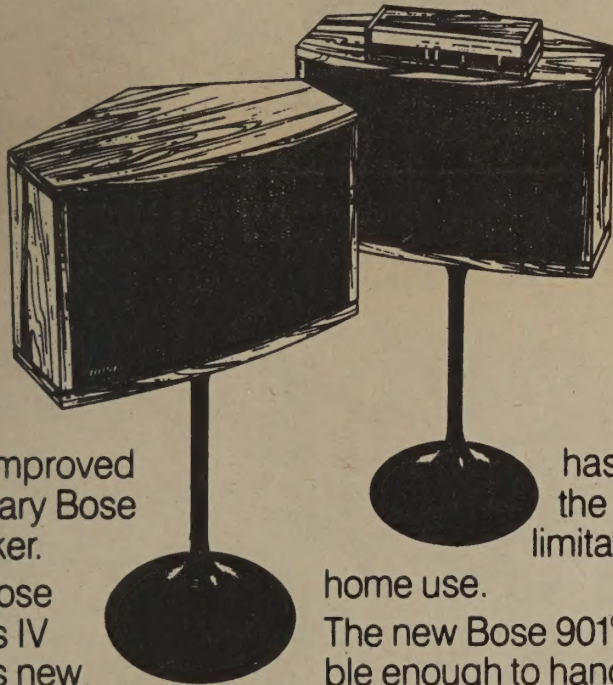
netmen should be "well prepared" for the upcoming 16-team Albany State tournament, considering the "awesome" level of play which has been exhibited during recent contests. "Competition within our own ladder has been much more intense than our encounters with rival colleges," said Clary.

The St. Michael's women's tennis team showed their true colors last Saturday with an impressive 7-0 white washing of Trinity College.

Leading the attack was top-seeded Laurie Majors who won 6-0 and 6-1, Cindy Boluch winning 6-0 and 6-1, Mary Pat O'Rourke taking her opponent 6-2 and 6-0, Marybeth Saber prevailing 6-1 and 6-2, while Karen Quattrochi defeated her opponent 6-2, 5-7, and 7-6.

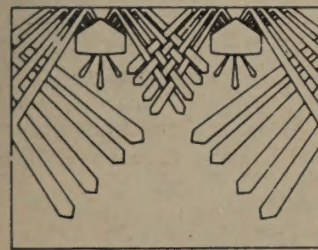
The team was equally successful in doubles competition with the pairings of O'Rourke and Saber, and Davenport and Boluch winning 8-5 and 8-3, respectively.

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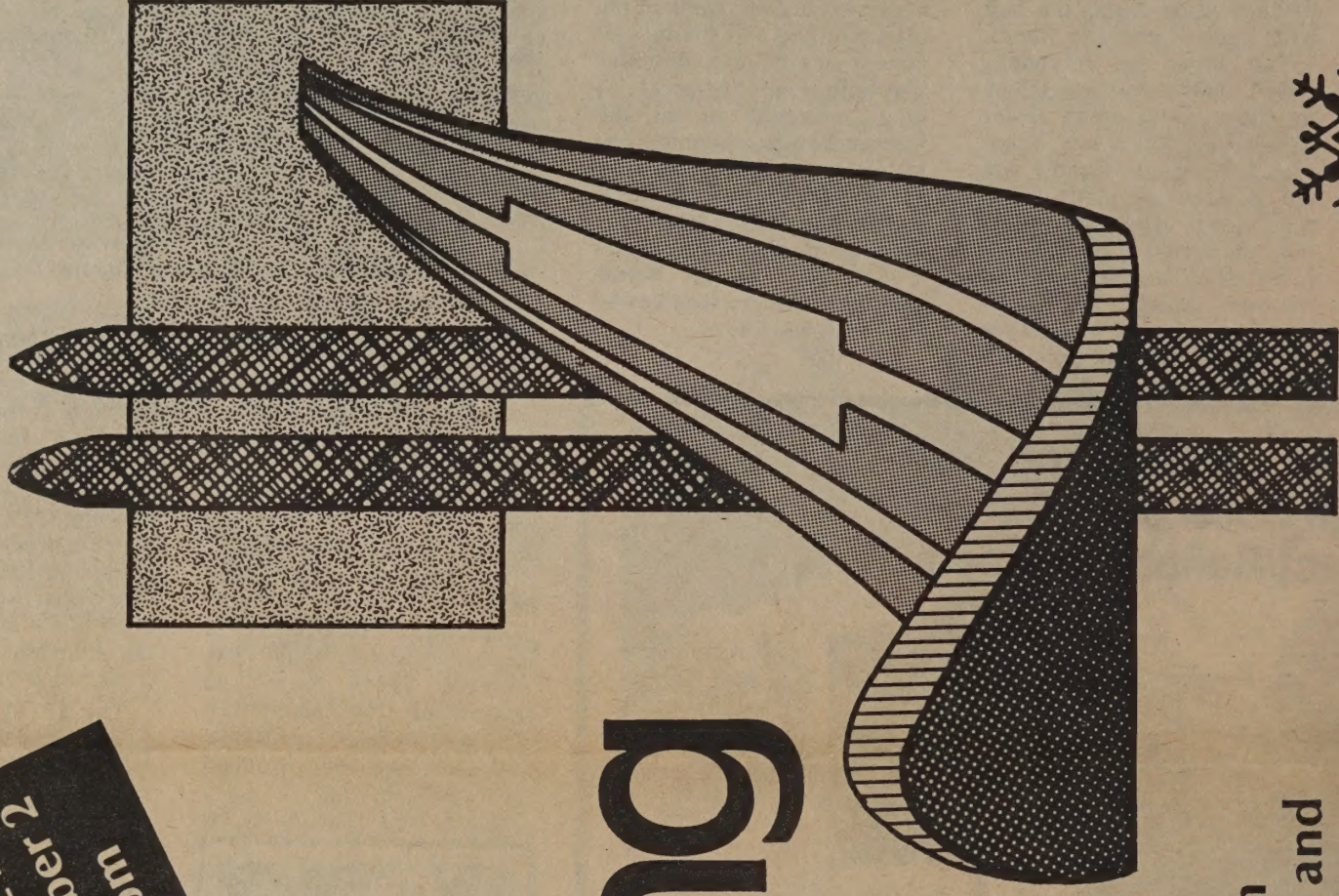
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